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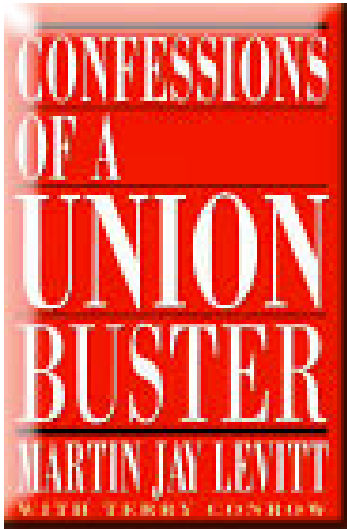
What are you doing to get your voice heard?

HELP WANTED!

The Voice has a new look and a new page – unfortunately we are still missing some new writers. Our crew of regular writers cannot keep the Voice going on their own...So, we need you! What are your opinions? What political issues make you feel the need to rant? What is being done in your country, your province, your city, your University that needs to be discussed, opened up, or exposed? How do you make people aware of the intelligent thoughts in your head? What do you have to say? What can you give, offer, share with the other students of YOUR university?

I know we are a University with a non-traditional campus- that is no reason to bury our heads in the sand and refuse to get involved or challenge one another! I want you to write me, and tell me if you hate the Voice! Then I want you to tell me what I can do, and what you can write to make it better. I want the students of Athabasca University to become active participants in their own education- not just in the courses you take but in the world that exists around you. Get involved! Help us out! Tell us what you do, what you think, how the world should change- or even why it shouldn't! Come on everybody –I WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!

Due to the new format, articles no longer need to be confined by 600 words, although if you write an article that is over 1000 words, we may break in it into two articles. We pay \$10 per article (with a bonus \$50 if you submit 10 articles in a row without missing any- how's that for a bribe!) Guidelines are an important few - respect (and this doesn't necessarily mean avoid) the feelings, cultures, sex, and religion of your peers. We do not publish fiction or personals.



Confessions of a Union Buster by Martin J. Levitt , Terry Conrow

Review by Wayne Benedict

This is a candidly written and disturbing look into the true distain and near hatred that is felt behind closed doors by industrialists and their consultant hired guns toward their working class employees. The authors expose a hidden industry that exists for the sole purpose of foiling the attempts of workers to organize in order to act together for their mutual benefit. Levitt appears to be honest in his admissions regarding his personal involvement in this revolting field and he seems sincere in regretting those actions. Every working class person should read this book to be enlightened as to what and whom he or she is collectively up against while merely trying to get a fair deal at work. Front line supervisors would also benefit from this

work to see how they are maliciously manipulated by upper management into working against their subordinates' attempts for a better life.

As Acting President of the Canadian Union of Transportation Employees Local 1, I will recommend this book to our members.

Kudos to Levitt for the courage that he displayed to turn his back on such a disgusting albeit profitable career and the choice he made to write this book to educate people about his former colleagues. Many people's eyes will be opened up to a harsh reality by this book.



Critics say Ontario will ignore new post-secondary report

By Shawn Jeffords, Ontario Bureau

-- A report commissioned by the Ontario government may be giving the Conservatives news they don't want to hear, say critics.

The report, released on Tuesday, recommended an infusion of \$351 million per year until 2005 into the post-secondary education system. However critics fear the Tories will ignore these findings in favour of tax cuts and balancing the budget.

Outlined in the report are 33 recommendations of what should be done to prepare the province's post-secondary system for the influx of 90,000 new students over the next decade. The government commissioned report was put together by members of the business, education and student communities. And although many of the Ontario government's critics say it confirms what they have believed all along, they fear its findings will be dismissed.

"[The government] wanted the report to say that excesses needed to be trimmed and it didn't," says Liberal party post-secondary education critic, Marie Bountrogianni. "All of their task forces are just smoke and mirrors."

Henry Jacek, president of the Ontario Confederation of Faculty Association, said when the government commissioned the report it was looking for an "easy answer."

"The taskforce didn't give it to them. They are going to have to spend money on this system."

Jacek pointed out that the report did not recommend the cost-cutting initiatives the government has been moving towards in recent years, like private universities and heavier reliance on distance education.

"Students want universities with walls and I think the government is beginning to realize that thanks to this report."

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) welcomed the report with cautious optimism. "Anything it [the taskforce] needed to do was beyond its mandates," said Pam Frache, CFS government relations co-ordinator. Frache said she believes the Tories' philosophy of commissioning task forces to solve problems in education is wrong.

"They assume that there will be mismanagement in the public sector. This just shows that [the Tories] are willing to play fast and loose with the futures of students."

Not everyone thinks the task force's findings are bad news. The Council of Ontario Universities is happy with the results and confident the recommendations made will be adopted by the province.

"It was commissioned by the government and they would not have done so without good reason," said spokesperson Arnice Cadieux. "I believe they will move forward and make the investment."

Cadieux said her organization was happy with the report, although she did add that the council has not yet had a chance to take an in-depth look at the 162-page report.

"It concluded that we are responsibly managed and cost-efficient. Essentially it gave universities a clean bill of health."

Dave Ross, spokesperson for the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, said the provincial government is unwilling to talk about the report. "It is too early to comment on the nitty-gritty of the report," said Ross.

The government will review the report, identify recommendations that can be acted upon by the ministry and then consult with stakeholders regarding the other recommendations.

"The report will help make key decisions about the future of the education system" said Ross.

-with files from Sharon Ho and the Varsity.



Speaking My Mind

by Mark A.C. Gueffroy

The life of a student is filled with difficulties-long hours of studying, worrying about your marks, and trying to struggle through on very little money (well, for some of us anyway!). Here's a few resources that just might help with the last problem.

StudentAwards.com-Great web-site, totally cool! Create a Student Profile, and seconds later, you've got an extensive list of the awards/scholarships that you might be eligible for-and the Athabasca University Student's Union even had a few of their bursaries listed!

Trust me, this CANADIAN based web-site is worth checking out!

Scholarships.com-Not quite as good as StudentAwards.com, but still an asset to the search for funds. It has everything listed from scholarships to low interest financing!

If you still can't find what you're looking for, contact someone at the Athabasca University Financial Aid office or the Athabasca University Students' Union. They can be and are a real help to students at Athabasca University.

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NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS:

Athabasca University Students' Union is currently looking to fill vacant Council positions. Our goal is to fill as many of these positions as reasonably possible at a Special Meeting of Council from 11am-Noon MST on March 31/01.

All nominations, accompanied by a short personal bio including reason(s) for nomination, must be received no later than 9am MST on March 28/01. Self-nominations are acceptable.

If you are interested in or have questions regarding this notice, please inquire further by calling **1-800-788-9041 ext. 3413**.

All nominees will be advised of their nominations' status by no later than 4:30pm MST on April 6/01.

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Athabasca University students are able to request a new photo ID card in one of three ways:

1. Students can go to the Office of the Registrar at Athabasca University Central, the Edmonton Learning Centre or the Calgary Learning Centre to have their pictures taken. At this time you will be required to complete and sign a Student I.D. Card Request Form. These forms will be available at each of our offices. Students who are affiliated with the Centre of Innovative Management, are required to go to the Edmonton Learning Centre to have their pictures taken and at the same time complete the Student ID Card Request Form. A photo ID card will then be issued to the student and sent out in the mail within three weeks.
2. Students who are unable to come to one of our locations during normal business hours can complete a Student I.D. Card Request Form and forward it to our offices with a passport sized photo. In these instances, students will also need to have a guarantor complete the appropriate portion of the form and sign and date the back of the photo. A copy of the Student I.D. Card Request Form is available by following this link [ID REQUEST FORM](#). Students can print off copies of this form, complete and submit it by mail or fax.
3. Students who are unable to come to one of our locations during normal business hours, but have access to a scanner, can complete a copy of the Student I.D. Card Request Form and mail it to the Office of the Registrar. In this instance, we request students scan the front portion of their current driver's license. This will provide a photo, the students' name, date of birth and their current mailing address. If this is provided, the student does not need to have a guarantor complete their portion of the Student I.D. Card Request form. Students can then mail this image file (saved as JPEG file format) to the idrequest@athabascau.ca. Once the digital copy of the driver's license and the hard copy request form is received, our staff will ensure that the information matches that contained in the student record. They will then crop the photo from the driver's license and use the photo on the student ID card. By following this method, we are able to ensure the authenticity of the photo being presented by the student. Please note scanned license images must be submitted in JPEG file format.
Please go to the Office of the Registrar's [Student I.D. Card page](#) for more information

Enlightening Information

Volunteers and Career Developers Needed!

Looking to gain some experience in Administration or related fields? Interested in improving your community and society?

Several Organizations are in desperate need of Volunteer Board Members and Administrative Assistants. Meetings of the Board Directors will be held either online or by conference-calling (telephone). YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

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For more information, please contact canadianassociation@hotmail.com or call Mark Gueffroy (780) 623-9488 or (780)623-1632

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